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REMARKS

The April 20, 2005 Office Action withdrew the prior action's holding that claims 14, 15, 24, and 25 as then pending were allowable in substance. Consequently, Applicant's ensuing amendment incorporating limitations from one or more of those claims into all pending claims was rendered irrelevant.

All claims now stand rejected as anticipated by or obvious over U.S. Patent No. 6,188,314 to Wallace et al. ("Wallace"), and claims 23 and 34 also stand rejected as indefinite for their recitation of "rectifier bridge diodes." By the present amendment, claims 23 and 34 have been amended to modify that term with "full wave" as suggested by the Examiner.

The prior amendments from Applicant's now-moot response have been reversed. Independent claims 11 and 21 have instead been amended (and dependent claims 13, 27, and 29 correspondingly canceled as superfluous) to specify that the system has more than one slave device, which both Adams patents clearly neither teach nor suggest and in fact teach away from by virtue of incompatibility. See attached Declaration of Gimtong Teowee, ¶4.

With respect to Coclough and Wallace, independent claim 11 has been amended to specify that "the system has a background level of current draw noise and has a low voltage state and a high voltage state, and is configured and/or programmed to hold the voltage level of the system low such that the background level of current draw noise in said system is held low when it is desired that a slave device talkback to said master device," and independent claim 16 has been amended similarly (with dependent claims 12, 17, and 26 being canceled as superfluous). This limitation is not taught or suggested by Coclough or Wallace, as explained in paragraphs 5 and 6 of Mr. Teowee's accompanying declaration, the substance of which is incorporated by reference as if set forth fully here.

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New claims 35-40 also have been added, some of which contain limitations that further distinguish Wallace as discussed in Mr. Teowee's accompanying declaration at paragraph 7.

It is believed that no fees are due with the present response, but if any fee is required, it is hereby requested that such fees be charged to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 502302. The Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if further information or action is needed.

Respectfully submitted,

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